IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-16, 18-19, 21-25 and 50-82 as indicated by the complete listing of claims provided below.

1-25. (canceled)

26. (previously presented) A method for accessing a data field in a data processing system, the method comprising:

when the data processing system is in a first mode:

positioning a cursor to locations on a display screen in response to movement of an input device;

receiving a signal to enter into a second mode;

when the data processing system is in the second mode:

remapping control of the input device to control both a scale and a position, the scale and the position specifying a portion of the data field for access;

adjusting the scale according to movement of the input device along a first axis; and

adjusting the position according to movement of the input device along a second axis.

27. (previously presented) A method as in claim 26 wherein in the second mode:

the scale is increased when the input device moves in an upward motion; and

the scale is decreased when the input device moves in a downward motion.

28. (previously presented) A method as in claim 27 wherein in the second mode:

a later portion of the data field is selected when the input device moves to the right; and

an earlier portion of the data field is selected when the input device moves to the left.

29. (previously presented) A method as in claim 28 wherein, to enter into the second mode, the signal is received when the cursor is over an icon and when a switch is activated.

30. (previously presented) A method as in claim 29 wherein the input device includes one of:

a) a mouse;

b) a track ball;

c) a touch tablet; and

d) a joystick.

31. (previously presented) A method as in claim 26 further comprising:

receiving input of moving simultaneously the input device in the first and second axes to simultaneously adjust the scale and the position when in the second mode.

32. (previously presented) A method as in claim 31 wherein the input device is comprised of a mouse and the scale is controlled by moving the mouse in the first axis and the position is controlled by moving the mouse in the second axis.

8 33. (previously presented) A method as in claim 31 wherein the input device is comprised of a track ball and the scale is controlled by moving the track ball in the first axis and the position is controlled by moving the track ball in the second axis.

9 34. (previously presented) A machine readable medium containing executable computer program instructions which when executed by a data processing system cause said system to perform a method for accessing a data field in the data processing system, the method comprising:

when the data processing system is in a first mode:

positioning a cursor to locations on a display screen in response to movement of an input device;

receiving a signal to enter into a second mode;

when the data processing system is in the second mode:

remapping control of the input device to control both a scale and a position, the scale and the position specifying a portion of the data field for access;

adjusting the scale according to movement of the input device along a first axis; and

adjusting the position according to movement of the input device along a second axis.

10 35. (previously presented) A medium as in claim 34 wherein in the second mode:

the scale is increased when the input device moves in an upward motion; and

the scale is decreased when the input device moves in a downward motion.

11 ~~36.~~ (previously presented) A medium as in claim 10 ~~35~~ wherein in the second mode:

a later portion of the data field is selected when the input device moves to the right; and

an earlier portion of the data field is selected when the input device moves to the left.

12 ~~37.~~ (previously presented) A medium as in claim 11 ~~36~~ wherein, to enter into the second mode, the signal is received when the cursor is over an icon and when a switch is activated.

13 ~~38.~~ (previously presented) A medium as in claim 12 ~~37~~ wherein the input device includes one of:

a) a mouse;

b) a track ball;

c) a touch tablet; and

d) a joystick.

14 ~~39.~~ (previously presented) A medium as in claim 9 ~~34~~ wherein the method further comprises:

receiving input of moving simultaneously the input device in the first and second axes to simultaneously adjust the scale and the position when in the second mode.

15 ~~40.~~ (previously presented) A medium as in claim 14 ~~39~~ wherein the input device is comprised of a mouse and the scale is controlled by moving the mouse in the first axis and the position is controlled by moving the mouse in the second axis.

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41. (previously presented) A medium as in claim 39 wherein the input device is comprised of a track ball and the scale is controlled by moving the track ball in the first axis and the position is controlled by moving the track ball in the second axis.

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42. (previously presented) A data processing system to control access to a data field, the system comprising:

means for positioning a cursor to locations on a display screen in response to movement of an input device when the data processing system is in a first mode;

means for receiving a signal to enter into a second mode;

means for remapping control of the input device to control both a scale and a position when the data processing system is in the second mode, the scale and the position specifying a portion of the data field for access;

means for adjusting the scale according to movement of the input device along a first axis when in the second mode; and

means for adjusting the position according to movement of the input device along a second axis when in the second mode.

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43. (previously presented) A processing system as in claim 42 wherein in the second mode:

the scale is increased when the input device moves in an upward motion; and

the scale is decreased when the input device moves in a downward motion.

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~~44.~~ (previously presented) A processing system as in claim ~~43~~ wherein in the second mode:

a later portion of the data field is selected when the input device moves to the right; and

an earlier portion of the data field is selected when the input device moves to the left.

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~~45.~~ (previously presented) A processing system as in claim ~~44~~ wherein, to enter into the second mode, the signal is received when the cursor is over an icon and when a switch is activated.

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~~46.~~ (previously presented) A processing system as in claim ~~45~~ wherein the input device includes one of:

a) a mouse;

b) a track ball;

c) a touch tablet; and

d) a joystick.

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~~47.~~ (previously presented) A processing system as in claim ~~42~~ further comprising:

means for receiving input of moving simultaneously the input device in the first and second axes to simultaneously adjust the scale and the position when in the second mode.

23 ~~48.~~ (previously presented) A processing system as in claim 22 ~~47~~ wherein the input device is comprised of a mouse and the scale is controlled by moving the mouse in the first axis and the position is controlled by moving the mouse in the second axis.

24 ~~49.~~ (previously presented) A processing system as ~~in~~ claim 22 ~~47~~ wherein the input device is comprised of a track ball and the scale is controlled by moving the track ball in the first axis and the position is controlled by moving the track ball in the second axis.

50-82. (canceled)